

# NON-EXAM PATHWAY

options for consideration

Blue Ribbon Commission

# ALL OPTIONS



Pathway-related assessments are designed and graded by State Bar



For the options that include supervised practice, supervisors are vetted and trained by State Bar



Minimum of 6 units of experiential training required in law school regardless of whether or not participating in pathway--anything modified or increased would be for pathway-participants only



Attorneys licensed through the non-exam pathway will meet all the other requirements for licensure in B&P §6060 (including a positive moral character determination)

# OPTION A

## LAW SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS



Status quo program of  
legal education

6 units experiential:  
modified to reflect CAPA  
(skills and abilities)

## SUPERVISED PRACTICE



750-1,500 hours post law  
school

## ASSESSMENT



Summative  
capstone/portfolio at the  
conclusion of supervised  
practice hours



Licensed between 6-12  
months after graduation

# OPTION B

## LAW SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS



Non-Exam pathway introduced during law school with expanded doctrinal and experiential education requirements modified to reflect CAPA (skills and abilities)

## SUPERVISED PRACTICE



750-1,500 hours post law school

## ASSESSMENT



Summative capstone/portfolio at the end of the supervised practice hours



Licensed 6-12 months after graduation

# OPTION C

## LAW SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS



Status quo program of  
legal education (no  
modification of the  
existing experiential  
education requirement)

## SUPERVISED PRACTICE



750–1,500 hours post law  
school

## ASSESSMENT



Summative  
capstone/portfolio after  
supervised practice  
hours



Licensed 6–12 months  
after graduation

# OPTION D

## LAW SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS



Non-Exam pathway  
introduced during law  
school with expanded  
doctrinal and experiential  
education requirements  
modified to reflect CAPA  
(skills and abilities)

## ASSESSMENT



Summative  
capstone/portfolio  
(handed in immediately  
post law school)



Licensed 4-6 months  
after graduation

# OPTION E

## LAW SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS



Status quo program of legal education (no modification of the existing experiential education requirement)

## SUPERVISED PRACTICE



750–1,500 hours post law school

## ASSESSMENT



Practice Readiness Education Program (online modules, in-person workshops, simulated law firm, in-person capstone) to be completed concurrently with supervised practice period



Licensed 6–12 months after graduation

# OPTION F

## LAW SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS



Status quo program of  
legal education

6 units experiential:  
modified to reflect CAPA  
(skills and abilities)

## ASSESSMENT



Practice Readiness  
Education Program (online  
modules, in-person  
workshops, simulated law  
firm, in-person capstone)



Licensed 4-6 months  
after graduation



# OPTION G

## LAW SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS



Status quo program of  
legal education

6 units experiential:  
modified to reflect CAPA  
(skills and abilities)

## SUPERVISED PRACTICE



750–1,500 hours post law  
school

## ASSESSMENT



2 Performance Tests  
(same timing as the bar  
exam)



Licensed 5–10 months  
after graduation

# OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS



Is the non-exam pathway open to all law school types?



What is the process for State Bar certification of curriculum (any doctrinal and/or experiential requirements)?



Is there a non-exam pathway for:

- Out-of-state law school applicants?
- Out-of-state attorney applicants?
- Foreign JD/educated?



Options for phasing in pathway?